

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: 2'-SUBSTITUTED NUCLEOSIDES AND OLIGONUCLEOTIDE
DERIVATIVESCommissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed 2 April 2009, for which a response is due on 3 August 2009, with the enclosed one (1)-month extension of time fee, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.7. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration of the present rejections and withdrawal of the present rejections are respectfully requested. An additional fee is provided under 37 CFR 1.16 (i) for the addition of two dependent claims, Claims 59 and 60. For any additional fees, the Commissioner is authorized to charge, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-4409 in the name of Novartis.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Arguments/Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.